GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4190
ANSWERED ON:20.08.2001
CAUVERY WATER DISPUTE
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cauvery River Water Tribunal has not imposed any restrictions o n Karnataka for undertaking new water resources developmental activities in the Cauvery Basin;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Karnataka has not obtained consent of the Co-basin States of specific orders from the Tribunal and went ahead with the desiltation of old tanks in Cauvery Basin; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in its Interim Orderdated 25th June, 1991 has inter alia directed the Government of Karnataka that they shall not increase its area under irrigation by the waters of the river Cauvery beyond existing 11.2 lakh acres.

(c) & (d) In the light of the above restriction imposed by the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, the Governmentof Karnataka has been advised to obtain the consent of co-basin States or specific orders from the Tribunal for the proposal of desiltation of old tanks in Cauvery basin in the State with World Bank assistance, which the State Governmenthas not yet obtained. Irrigation is a state subject and the primary responsibility for planning, investigation, execution and funding of minor irrigation schemes including desiltation of old tanks rests with the State Government.